



MINUTES
MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

5:00-6:00 Team Meetings, 6:00-7:00MAC Meeting, 7:00-8:00Team Meetings
 Council Chambers- Town Hall

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Goldman, J. Higham, V. Fry, Chelsea Laughran, E. Gresh, A. Bladen, J. Stoughton (Co-Chair), MJ Newman, F. Baruzzi (staff), L. Young, G. Bent (Co-Chair), P. Braithwaite, M. Barton,
REGRETS: S. Baxter, M. LaPlaca, L. Holle, A. Bloom, L. Dahn, D. McLaughlin, S. Daley, K. Paulhus, Julie Suedmyer

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME
Actions needed and Announcements	<p>-Welcome: G. Bent welcomed members; noted absences from the group.</p> <p>-Adopt minutes of August 4, 2010</p> <p>-Community Conversation Award-Executive Council: We have received a \$1500 grant to hold a Community Conversation on our plan. G. Bent and K. Grunwald provided information about the orientation on 10/13. 3 members will be required to attend.</p> <p>-Introductions: Chelsea Laughran-ECSU Data Intern will be working with MAC on our data development. She is currently working on a survey for the Health Team, and is also putting together flyers to publicize the data that we are collecting to the general population. She is currently here on Monday and Wednesday from 11-4.</p> <p>Sasha Davis – CT Parent Power: not present. There are literature and lawn signs available for the “I support Kids and I Vote” campaign.</p> <p>(MAC Financial Report for April-August-Hand Out): no discussion.</p> <p><u>Local Events:</u></p> <p>Festival on the Green 9/12/10 Brief Report: J. Higham provided a brief overview. There was not a lot of attendance at the table; suggestion to provide an activity that requires more prolonged play. She also distributed a flyer for the Southeast School PTO auction on Oct. 16.</p> <p>Farm to Table Event 9/28/10 Brief Report: P. Braithwaite provided an overview. Not as much opportunity for attendees to visit tables. Talked about Dr. Katz’s presentation and his website: www.davidkatzmd.com. Dr. Katz has developed the NuVal system for nutritional scoring. Those who attended spoke very</p>	<p>Minutes were adopted as written.</p> <p>Contact K. Grunwald if you are able to attend.</p> <p>Contact Chelsea if you have a data project for her to work on.</p> <p>Contact J. Higham if you are interested in joining an ad hoc committee to plan community events.</p>

	highly of his presentation.	
Ice Breaker	Group Exercise: G. Bent facilitated a group exercise that focused on what we have in common and what we bring that is unique.	
NEW MAC MEETING TIMES	Calendars- Discuss New meeting times –half hour less and no interruptions of team, and time food available early. J. Stoughton presented a proposal from the Executive Committee for a new structure and proposed meeting times: 5:00 Food available, 5:00/5:30-6:30 Team Time, 6:30-7:30 Full MAC meeting. E. Gresh feels that it's better not to be eating during the full meeting time; J. Goldman suggested that we try this. J. Stoughton questioned whether or not it is realistic that we expect to start the full meeting at 6:30; proposed 6:45-8:00. J. Goldman suggested starting the team meetings at 5:30. A. Bladen would prefer to start at 5 and commit to end at 7:30.	Teams will decide if they start their meetings at 5 or 5:30; the full MAC meeting will start at 6:30, beginning in November.
School Readiness	Update re School Readiness Liaison and Council responsibilities: no discussion.	
Team Updates	<p>Team Leader share Action Plans with the group and take 5 min. to update the whole MAC group assembled.</p> <p>Community Connectedness: J. Higham reported that the survey has gone to the printer and will be sent out October 15 to 2000 randomly selected residents. They are also working with the playground issue for the Downtown Partnership. She distributed copies of their action plan.</p> <p>Successful Learners: MJ Newman reported that they are looking at comparing CMT scores over several years. Have planned 5 sites for focus groups for parents of pre-school children; looking at parents of older children as well: two questions on literacy. Also looking at academic outcomes for School Readiness children.</p> <p>Health Team: P. Braithwaite reported that the team is using the Action Guide for Child Care Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies. They have created a survey which has been distributed to all licensed childcare providers in Mansfield.</p>	<p>Chelsea Laughran would like to be included in email distribution for all teams: laughranc@easternct.edu.</p> <p>Contact J. Higham if you are interested in being on the ad hoc playground committee.</p>
Team Assignments	<p>Work on Action Plans –be specific Story behind the numbers must come first MOAs: does your team have enough; are they specific enough?</p> <p>Team Meetings</p>	

Meeting adjourned to teams at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald